

# HEROES

## CHAPTER 145

# STOLEN FATE

A mysterious and powerful Carnival has been intersecting with the lives of our Heroes. 14 years ago, Hiro Nakamura visited this very Carnival as a boy when it was in Tokyo. There he was given a fortune prophesying his heroic destiny.

But he was not the only one in the Carnival that evening being handed a prophetic message. An indelible bond is also forming between two other young members of the Carnival...



**F**OURTEEN YEARS AGO.  
TOKYO, JAPAN.

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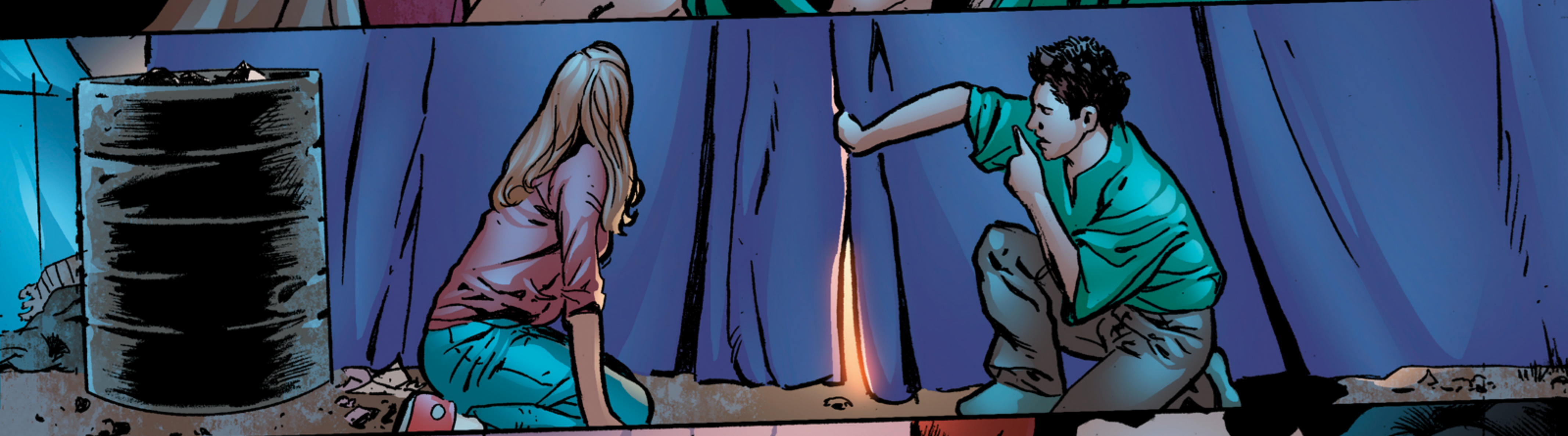
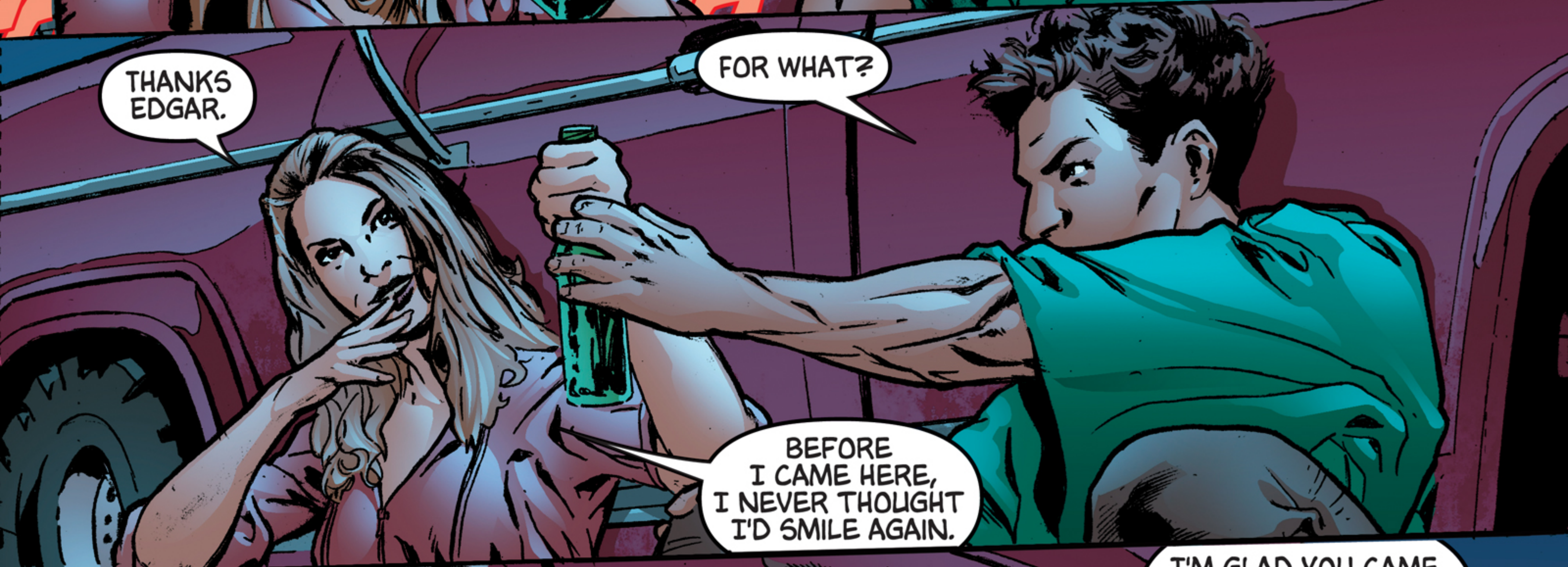
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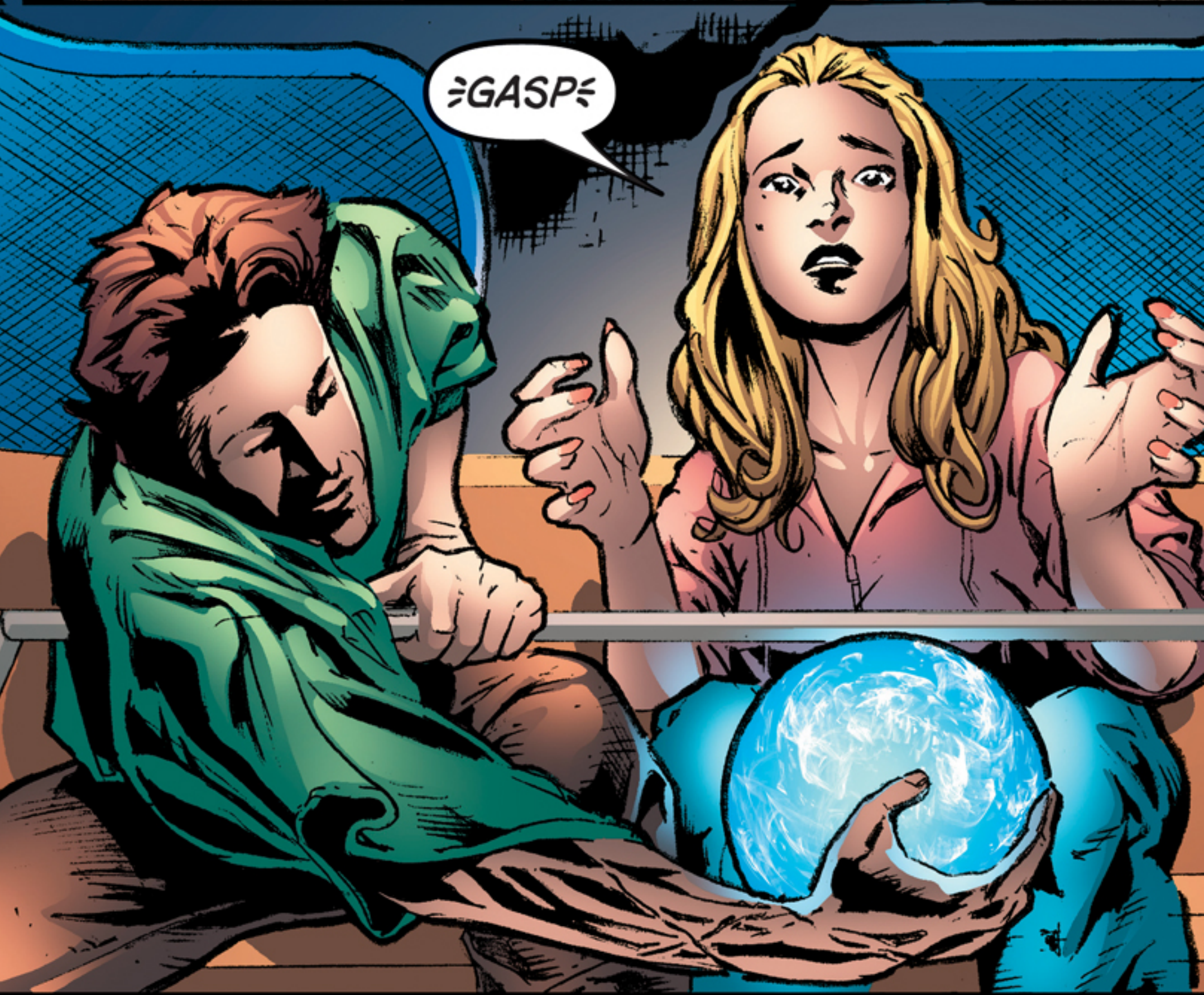
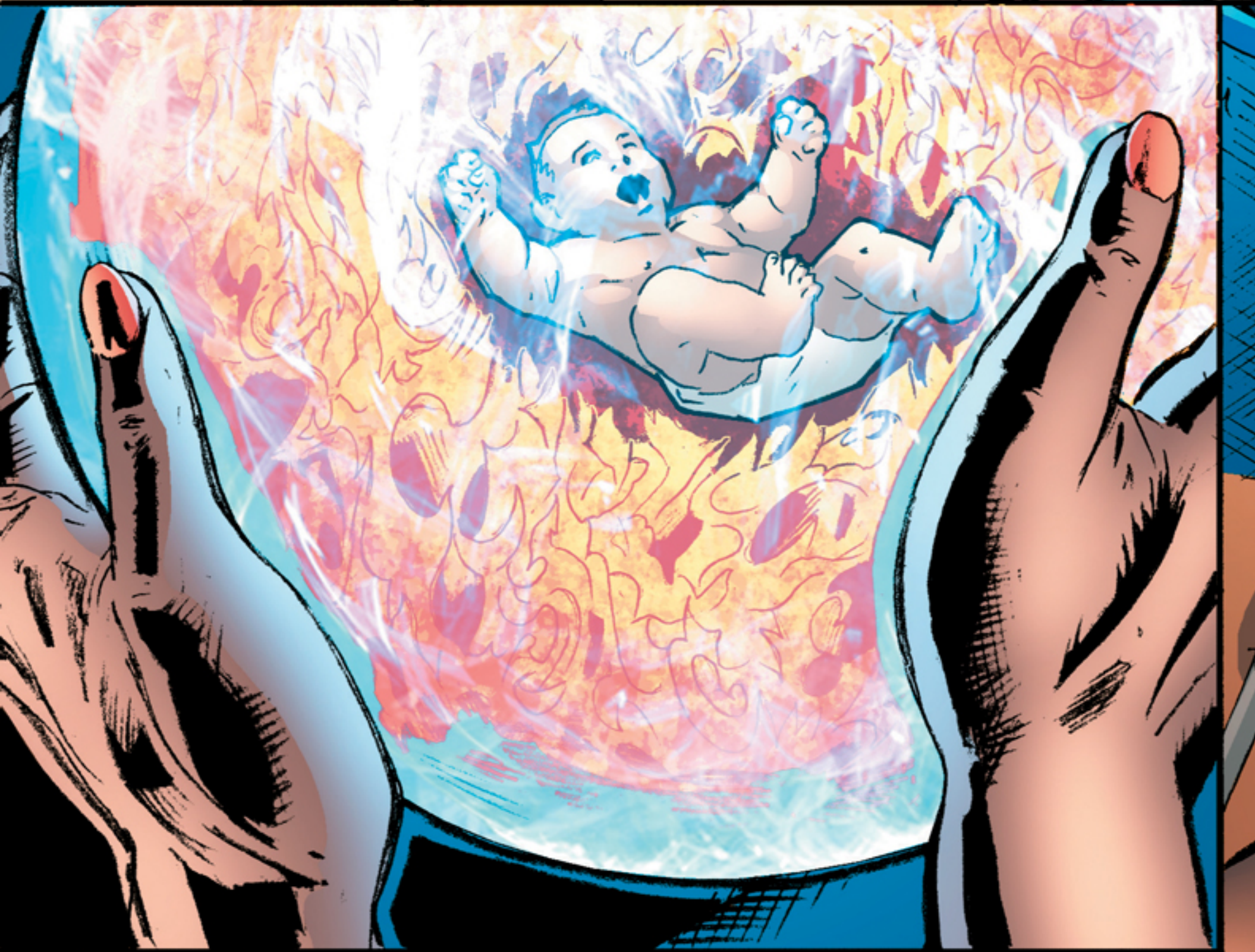














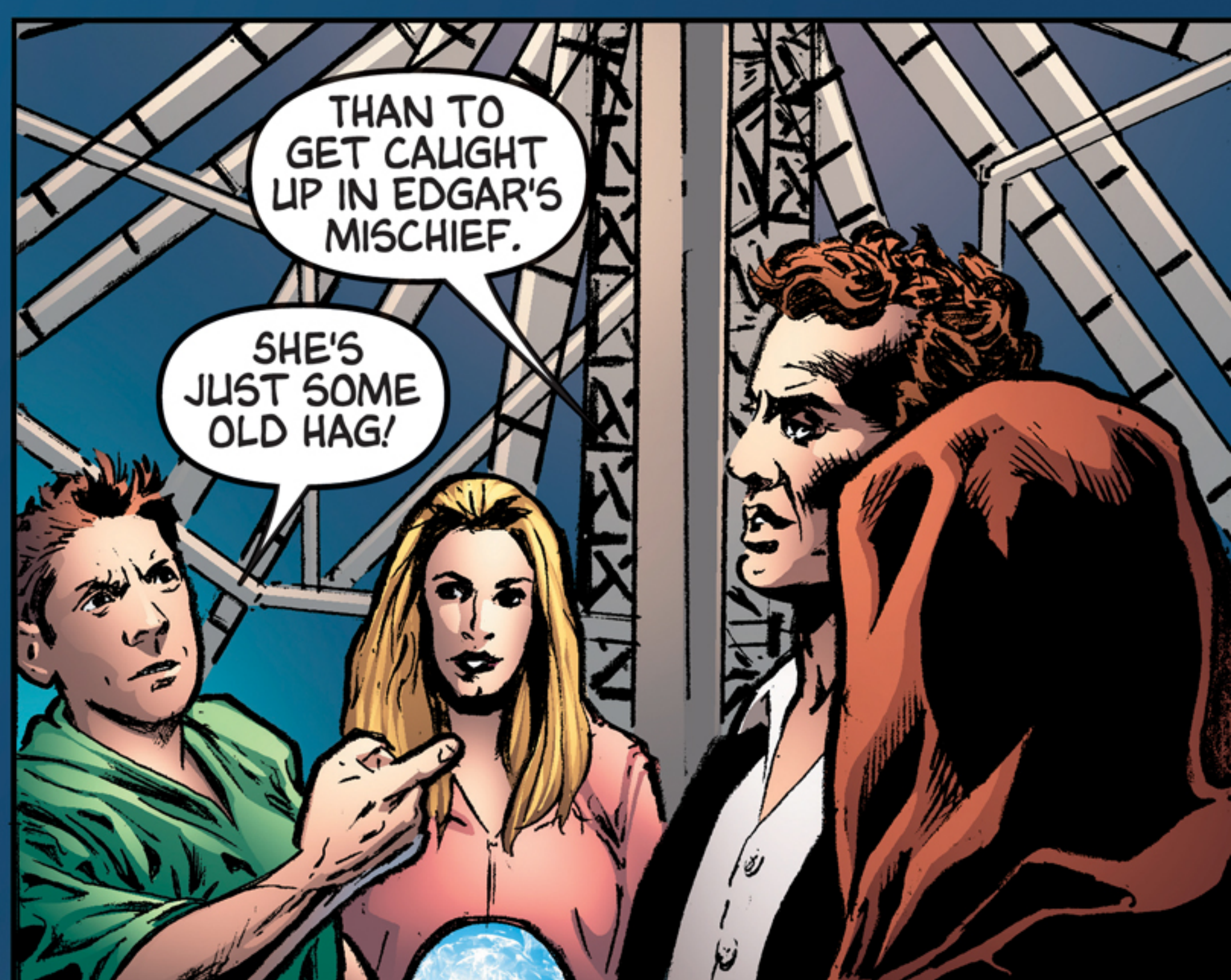


I THINK --  
I THINK IT'S  
YOU.



TELL ME WHAT  
YOU SAW, WHAT  
ABOUT ME--?

I EXPECTED  
BETTER OF YOU  
LYDIA...



THAN TO  
GET CAUGHT  
UP IN EDGAR'S  
MISCHIEF.

SHE'S  
JUST SOME  
OLD HAG!



STOP!

SMACK





WHAT IF JOSEPH  
CAUGHT YOU TALKIN'  
LIKE THAT?

YOU KNOW BETTER.  
WE'RE ALL FAMILY HERE.  
SHOW YOUR RESPECT.

BESIDES,  
EVERYTHING'S  
NOT ALWAYS AS  
IT SEEMS.



WE'RE SORRY.  
PLEASE. JUST TAKE  
IT BACK.

IT'S  
RUINED.

WE DIDN'T DO  
ANYTHING BUT  
LOOK IN IT. IT  
STILL WORKS.

IT'S NOT  
SUPPOSED TO WORK. IT'S  
JUST A HUNK OF QUARTZ.  
JUST ANOTHER PROP.



BUT --  
WE SAW  
THINGS  
IN IT.

THAT'S NOT  
*MY* POWER GIRL.  
THAT WAS *YOURS*.  
AND IT POLLUTED  
MY CRYSTAL.

I SIMPLY TELL  
PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT  
TO HEAR. WHATEVER YOU  
SAW, THAT'S WHAT LIES  
IN YOUR SOUL -- YOUR  
DEEPEST WANTS AND  
DESIRES.

AND THAT  
IS DANGEROUS  
KNOWLEDGE,  
ONE FOR WHICH  
THERE IS NO  
ESCAPE.



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